

ABSTRACT

A removable medium recording/reproduction device capable of preventing expelling of a removable medium (101) by avoiding  
5 cancellation of an expelling prohibiting state even during power-down of the device. The device includes a mechanism for loading/ejecting a removable medium (101) by transporting the medium into the device and mounting the medium in a reproducible state, or by transporting and expelling it out of the device,  
10 a medium expelling prohibition information detector (110) which detects whether or not medium expelling prohibition information is recorded in a predetermined area on the medium (101), and a controller (106) which does not perform expelling of the medium due to a change in state of switches (104, 105) of the  
15 device or a command from outside if a record of the medium expelling prohibition information is detected by the medium expelling prohibition information detector (110) and which operates the loading/ejection mechanism to expel the medium according to the change in state of switches (104, 105) of  
20 the device or the command from outside if no record of the medium expelling prohibition information is detected.